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0:00
WO2-2047W>Fantastic. I feel like we need some music in here.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I mean, it's kind of really quiet.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We need a Little River dance.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We need something going on.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>This is a very exciting day.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So welcome and thank you for being here.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I'm Sara Brenner, Principal Deputy Commissioner for the FDA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I am extremely excited this morning to welcome all of you to today's special</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>event featuring our honored guest, HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Before we hear from Secretary Kennedy, it's also my great pleasure to introduce</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>the Commissioner of the FDA, Dr. Mart Makary,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>who will introduce the Secretary. Dr. Makary was recently confirmed in a</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>bipartisan vote of the Senate and then sworn in by Secretary Kennedy.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>He has lost no time in immersing himself in some of the key challenges we are</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>facing here at FDA. Indeed, as befits a man of his talents and enthusiasm,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>his energy and commitment, he has hit the ground running to champion</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>concerns that we have</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and needs that we have and also our vision for the future of FDA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Many of you by now may be familiar with Dr. Makary's background and</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>accomplishments as a scientist, researcher, clinician, surgeon,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>health policy expert, and prolific author.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So in the interest of time, I won't explore these further.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Hopefully many of you were at our all hands or watched it since that event.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>What I do want to underscore is an aspect of his work that I think is</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>crucial not only to his past success but also, to his ability to achieve his</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>priorities here at the FDA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>This is his commitment to science and to ensuring that the FDA maintains the gold</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>standard when it comes to scientific research.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>His remarkable combination of research, clinical experience, national leadership,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and humor and wit,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I'll add, makes him the perfect person to lead this agency at a time that we face</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>significant public health challenges.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So it's my great pleasure to introduce Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you, Dr. Brenner.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Great to see everybody. I'm getting to know as many of you as I</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>can and it's great to see familiar faces and I want to get to know every one of you.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Dr. Brenner has done an extraordinary job over the last few months,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and so I want to publicly acknowledge the amazing work of Dr. Brenner.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>She's worked her tail off. So thank you, Dr. Brenner for your incredible work.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Really, really amazing.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I'm very excited about our guest today that we get to host the Secretary.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We have an exciting afternoon today with fun, adventure, food,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>learning and a lot of listening.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The secretary, if you've gotten to know him,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>loves to listen and talk to folks on the front lines.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And so that's why he's here. And I'm told from my staff that it's</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>unheard of,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>for a secretary to come out here so early in their term.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So I think that speaks to how much you believe in the FDA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I want to personally extend my gratitude to you and the President for believing in</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>me to lead this agency.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There is an incredible history here of the agency holding up gold</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>standard science and ensuring public Safety.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And I think we can build on that incredible tradition to achieve</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>the goals that you've outlined.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>For us to help make America healthy again. Every day,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>people come in with the sole mission</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>of upholding the incredible tradition here of ensuring public safety and making</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>sure that patients and consumers have the information they need,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>correct information, to make decisions about their health.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We're going to build on that tradition.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We are living at an incredible time. For the first time in human history,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Kids with diabetes may have hope.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Some childhood lymphomas are now considered curable,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>with more treatments on the way.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Sickle cell,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>now for the first time in history, has a therapy that is incredibly</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>promising.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We also have a new understanding of our food supply and food ingredients.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Food science has matured in the past, we told the industry: maximize food</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>production.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There was a singular goal and that was to address food insecurity.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Nobody was bad.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They were doing what we told them to do, but now our understanding of the science</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>of food and food ingredients has led us to this inflection point where we now</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>have to ask big questions that we have not asked, that we need to ask.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Ask and that means following on the directive of the Secretary to examine our</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>food supply.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And some of the petrochemicals and other molecules that are new in our food supply.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>As we have witnessed the chronic disease epidemic increase,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>we're up for the challenge. We've done it before as an agency.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There have been some changes as all of you are extremely aware of.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you for your patience in those changes.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They have been aimed</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>at consolidating being more efficient and creating more teamwork,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and those changes have been hard on the ground.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I know for some of you, we want to make it very clear that we believe that the</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>scientists, the reviewers, the inspectors, the officers, the administrative staff,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>all,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>all of the people that support the core mission of the agency,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>we want to make sure you have all the resources you need to do your job well,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and we have been working very hard on that in the week and a half I've been</v>

6:00
<v WO2-2047W>here. We've been working</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>very hard on that.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We're going to continue to work on that and do our very best, and that is a</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>promise.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There are some very clear goals</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that we should have as an agency.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Along the simple guiding principles of number 1: upholding gold standard science.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Using common sense.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Focusing on cures and meaningful treatments and diagnostics that empower</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>patients about their own physiology.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Healthy food for children and restoring the public trust.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>These are the guiding principles I think that can help take us to the next level.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>It's going to mean more teamwork.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Less individual empires.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>More collaboration, less territorialism between the centers.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And a culture that will inspire people to work regardless of whether or not they</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>benefit, but whether or not the public benefits.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We're doing this for children, and I know of no greater advocate for</v>

7:08
<v WO2-2047W>children than our secretary. As he has said,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>a healthy child may have 1000 dreams, but a sick kid has one, and we should</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>think of that sick kid and everything that we do.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Just yesterday we had one small announcement</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that worked towards some of those goals of gold,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>standard science and common sense: to reduce animal testing.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The agency announced that if a drug is already approved with a safety profile in</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>another country, we may not need to require animal testing</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>for approval at the FDA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Again, nobody is bad.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>No one diabolically thought I'm going to insist on animal testing,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>but it's just been the way we've been doing certain things. well,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>using AI and computational modeling and what we call organ on a chip</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>research where liver cells on a culture medium can be evaluated with the exposure</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>of a new drug to see whether or not they leak</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>AST and ALT, a predictor of human toxicity.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>May be cumulatively, a better predictive model than what we have been using,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>which is just animal testing alone. Ninety percent of drugs that get through animal</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>testing end up having toxicity in humans or are not effective in humans.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Maybe we can</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>do better.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I'd like to now turn it over to a man who needs little introduction.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>You may know of his fierce advocacy for health and health promotion.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>But what you may not know is that he has a long history of an intense devotion</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>to</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>environmental health and the health of children.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And that path really became a path that took him from studying environmental</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>health and he</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>has been the preeminent environmental health attorney of our generation.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>To toxic exposures to children.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>To understanding children's health and the chronic disease epidemic,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>he's asked big questions that, to be honest,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>being deep in the medical establishment, some of those questions we've never asked</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>before.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>But when we have a chronic disease epidemic surging in our lifetime that</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>we've never seen before.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>It is a time for big questions. I will tell you in my conversations with</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>him, he has been 100% supportive of everything</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>we've put before him regarding the FDA and he's an incredible listener and he</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>listens to scientists.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So he's an incredible person, I've had the privilege of getting to know.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>A graduate of Harvard University,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The London School of Economics, UVA Law school.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>He went on to get a Master's in environmental health from Pace,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>where he stayed on the faculty for over 30 years. He is bold.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>He's creative, he's a great listener.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thanks to him, we are now talking about the chronic</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>disease epidemic in a new way in America. And voters showed up because they believe</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that there is something there that we have not been paying attention to that we</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>need to pay attention to regardless</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Of any political background.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And this message that our secretary has been talking about is resonating in</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>America.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So we are so thankful to have you here, Mr. Secretary.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Please welcome Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you all.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank you very much.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I'm really happy to be out here and I want to thank Sara Brenner,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>who's been with us filling Marty's spot for like past couple of months and done</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>an extraordinary job.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>She's been a joy to work with and also just to recognize Marty and tell you</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>how happy I am that you're here and this team is going to,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I think transform and inspire</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>this agency and that's our hope.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I was thinking this morning about what I was going to say to you and I know what I</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>want to do.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I want all of you to leave here and spend every day of the next four years</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>understanding that we have a generational opportunity now to do something to really</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>make this agency</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>live up to its foundational ideals, and to make our country healthier and to</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>use the extraordinary power that you have at this agency</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>to make</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Our regulation of science more transparent.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>To make it gold standard.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And to focus very, very carefully on how do we improve</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>public health, particularly public health among our kids.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And the barrier to doing that in my view is what Marty was really mentioning, is</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that we all tend to get consumed or subsumed on orthodoxies and those</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>orthodoxies are often</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>times I'm dictated by power centers in our society.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And that captures us and they capture the agencies.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They capture everything I mean.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>It's like, you know, President Trump always talks about the</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>deep state.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And the media, you know, disparages him and says that he's</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>paranoid or conspiracy theory, but the deep state is real. And it's not,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>you know, just, it's not George Soros</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and Bill Gates and a bunch of nefarious individuals sitting together in a</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>room and plotting the, you know, the destruction of humanity.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>It is more insidious than that.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W> There are institutional pressures.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>That affect every institution that's created by human beings</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that tend to centralize power.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And to centralize authority and wealth.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>To send it upword and to alter those institutions that were almost always</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>started with a with an idealistic impulse.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>But to capture them for to serve the interests of,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>powerful industries or powerful entities within a society.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And it happens everywhere, it happens to capitalism. Capitalism, ultimately.</v>

14:01
<v WO2-2047W>devolves from a very, very democratic system.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And to monopoly capitalism and crony capitalism.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And that serves the interests of a few individuals and degrades democracy and</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>becomes authoritarian.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Every institution, every church it’s the same thing happens.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>A.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They devolved a very rigid orthodoxy said.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>That impose rules and regulations and expand wealth and power for certain</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>individuals.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And get us away from the original impulse, which is for all of us to be able to have</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>expand our direct relationship to God, who is a very democratic kind of,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>you know, impulse.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I you know, grew up in the city and I grew up at a</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>time when the environment was,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>was being,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>it was very good at that time, But it was being destroyed</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>systematically.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And I participated in Earth Day. When I was a little boy, when I was a kid,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I used to go down to see my uncle in the White House.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>my father at the Justice Department, where we'd eat lunch, you know,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>when I was a little boy, 10 years old. I'd eat lunch two or three times a week</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>with my dad. And I'd always look at Pennsylvania Avenue</v>

15:26
<v WO2-2047W>to the old post office building in Washington, DC.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There was a pair, Of Eastern Peregrine Falcons</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>nesting in the cupola of that post office, and they were there for generations and</v>

15:38
<v WO2-2047W>I'd watched them come down.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I</v>

15:41
<v WO2-2047W>was obsessed with Hawks when I was little.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I watched those birds come down.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Pennsylvania Ave.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They're the most spectacular predatory bird in North America. A beautiful</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>salmon pink breast and a green seer.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And it could fly 240 miles an hour, and I'd watch them come down Pennsylvania</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Avenue.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>at those speeds and pick pigeons out of the air, right in front of the White House,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>above the tourists. And for me, that was much more exciting than visiting</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>my uncle, at the White House.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>But that bird, went extinct in 1963.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The same year that my uncle was killed because of DDT poisoning and that year in</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>1969, six years later, the Cuyahoga River burned.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>With flames that were eight stories high.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Then Lake Erie was declared dead.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W></v>

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<v WO2-2047W>We had 10s of thousands of Americans dying every year from smog events in our</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>country.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And this accumulation of incidents drove 20 million</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Americans out int the street in 1969 for the First Earth Day,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>the biggest public demonstration in American history.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And they demanded that our political system restore the ancient and formal</v>

17:01
<v WO2-2047W>rights that had been stolen from our citizens over the past.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>80 years since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And the political system respond.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Democrats and Republicans and President Nixon created EPA.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>He has 28 environmental laws over the next decade.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The Clean Air Act.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Clean Water Act act.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>The safe Drinking Water Act.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And they were all created out of idealistic impulses to do something that</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>was good for our country and good for the generations.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>But those agencies ultimately, and those laws ultimately were captured</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>themselves.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And when I became an environmental lawyer.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>In 1983.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I went to work for a group of fishermen on the Hudson River.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And they had this group, this little group had started in 1966.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W> that year the C Penn Central Railroad.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And installed a pipe and there was a diesel fuel.</v>

18:12
<v WO2-2047W>Spoiling how did that play that that contaminated all the fish and the Hudson?</v>

18:18
<v WO2-2047W>It made the fish taste of diesel.</v>

18:21
<v WO2-2047W>It destroyed the beaches and these fishermen,</v>

18:23
<v WO2-2047W>you know their livelihoods were being destroyed.</v>

18:26
<v WO2-2047W>We have the oldest commercial fisherman, commercial fisherman in the country and I</v>

18:32
<v WO2-2047W>said and they went down to the Corps of Engineers office and to the conservation</v>

18:37
<v WO2-2047W>department.</v>

18:39
<v WO2-2047W>In New York State.</v>

18:41
<v WO2-2047W>The Coast Guard, which had obligation to shut down that</v>

18:45
<v WO2-2047W>pipe.</v>

18:47
<v WO2-2047W>And they were given the bum’s rush.</v>

18:49
<v WO2-2047W>, they were told. Ultimately, after 11 visits to the Corps of Engineers</v>

18:54
<v WO2-2047W>Office in in New York City, the core Colonel finally told them I</v>

18:58
<v WO2-2047W>can't do anything about it.</v>

19:00
<v WO2-2047W>Begging him to do his job and shut down that pipe, he said.</v>

19:04
<v WO2-2047W>I can't do anything about it.</v>

19:05
<v WO2-2047W>These are important people. He was speaking to the Penn Central Board</v>

19:09
<v WO2-2047W>of Directors and they realized.</v>

19:11
<v WO2-2047W>That time they came to the conclusion.</v>

19:15
<v WO2-2047W>Government was in cahoots with the polluters and at the only way that</v>

19:20
<v WO2-2047W>they were going to reclaim the river is if they challenged the polluters</v>

19:26
<v WO2-2047W>themselves and they found an ancient law and started suing polluters,</v>

19:30
<v WO2-2047W>and they brought me in to represent in 1983.</v>

19:33
<v WO2-2047W>And that was my career. Over the next 45 years.</v>

19:38
<v WO2-2047W>And I found myself during that period with it was initially very surprising to</v>

19:42
<v WO2-2047W>me.</v>

19:43
<v WO2-2047W>That I was most about half of my suits were against the EPA and state</v>

19:49
<v WO2-2047W>environmental agencies.</v>

19:52
<v WO2-2047W>That had become captured by the industries that they're supposed to</v>

19:54
<v WO2-2047W>regulate.</v>

19:57
<v WO2-2047W>That same dynamic happened to FDA.</v>

19:59
<v WO2-2047W>It was created after 1904, after.</v>

20:05
<v WO2-2047W>Sinclair's book exposed the.</v>

20:10
<v WO2-2047W>Contamination of our, you know, meat supply.</v>

20:12
<v WO2-2047W> It was created out of the most idealistic</v>

20:17
<v WO2-2047W>impulses.</v>

20:19
<v WO2-2047W>But it, like every agency, became captured by the industry.</v>

20:24
<v WO2-2047W>and at one point really became a sock puppet.</v>

20:27
<v WO2-2047W> of the industry it was suppose to regulate and.</v>

20:33
<v WO2-2047W>For example.</v>

20:36
<v WO2-2047W>Anything, any, any law ultimately endorsed this dynamic</v>

20:41
<v WO2-2047W>of agency capture.</v>

20:44
<v WO2-2047W>GRASE was one of those.</v>

20:46
<v WO2-2047W>GRASE was created in 1958 and they were created again out of a very,</v>

20:52
<v WO2-2047W>very idealistic impulse to start regulating chemicals and additives in our</v>

20:57
<v WO2-2047W>food supply.</v>

21:00
<v WO2-2047W> but GRASE had a loophole or an exemption.</v>

21:08
<v WO2-2047W>At certain products that had been with us for thousands of years.</v>

21:13
<v WO2-2047W>Generations like wheat and yeast and sugar and milk and eggs and those should</v>

21:19
<v WO2-2047W>be exempt because they were generally recognized as safe.</v>

21:25
<v WO2-2047W>So they passed a standard that allowed them.</v>

21:29
<v WO2-2047W>We don't have to test those products, but that standard was then captured by</v>

21:34
<v WO2-2047W>industry and the industry turned that into a weapon .</v>

21:39
<v WO2-2047W>And so that we developed a system in this country.</v>

21:43
<v WO2-2047W>where we literally do not test chemicals</v>

21:46
<v WO2-2047W>before they're added to our food.</v>

21:49
<v WO2-2047W>Everything is stamped by the industry as generally recognized as safe.</v>

21:53
<v WO2-2047W>That's why we have 10, 000 ingredients in our food,</v>

21:56
<v WO2-2047W>and Europeans only have 400 in theirs, and we have no idea what those chemicals are</v>

22:01
<v WO2-2047W>or what those combination of compounds are doing to our public health.</v>

22:08
<v WO2-2047W>And so what's the remedy for that?</v>

22:10
<v WO2-2047W>Well, look at the outcomes.</v>

22:12
<v WO2-2047W>When I was a kid, we were the healthiest people in the</v>

22:16
<v WO2-2047W>world.</v>

22:18
<v WO2-2047W>In my generation the chronic disease rate in 1963 was 3%.</v>

22:26
<v WO2-2047W>Today, it's the last time that NIH did the</v>

22:30
<v WO2-2047W>study, which was 2006.</v>

22:32
<v WO2-2047W>It was 54%.</v>

22:35
<v WO2-2047W>It's probably closer to 60% today. When I was a kid,</v>

22:39
<v WO2-2047W>the average a pediatrician would see</v>

22:42
<v WO2-2047W>one case of juvenile diabetes in his career, over a 40-50 year careere</v>

22:46
<v WO2-2047W>.</v>

22:48
<v WO2-2047W>Today, one out of every three kids who walk</v>

22:51
<v WO2-2047W>through his office door, or ,</v>

22:55
<v WO2-2047W>38% of teens are diabetic or pre-diabetic.</v>

22:58
<v WO2-2047W>We have 30 million people with diabetes in this country,</v>

23:02
<v WO2-2047W>and 100 million people who are pre-diabetic.</v>

23:05
<v WO2-2047W>It's all preventable.</v>

23:08
<v WO2-2047W>And you know, a lot of that's going to come from sugar and</v>

23:11
<v WO2-2047W>their foods or ultra, processed foods or other exposures.</v>

23:15
<v WO2-2047W>And the question is why don't we know what's causing it and why aren't we</v>

23:19
<v WO2-2047W>regulating those things?</v>

23:20
<v WO2-2047W>They do it in other countries.</v>

23:23
<v WO2-2047W>They don't do it here.</v>

23:24
<v WO2-2047W>And the reason we don't do it here, I would suggest,</v>

23:28
<v WO2-2047W>is because this dynamic of agency capture, and you can see it everywhere.</v>

23:32
<v WO2-2047W>You can see it even and.</v>

23:36
<v WO2-2047W>The fast track regulations were also.</v>

23:38
<v WO2-2047W>So that was as an idealistic, impossible.</v>

23:42
<v WO2-2047W>You can see what happens there.</v>

23:45
<v WO2-2047W>They become instruments for the incumbents. The very,</v>

23:48
<v WO2-2047W>very powerful incumbents in the industry.</v>

23:53
<v WO2-2047W>To exclude dissidents and, you know, rare diseases and alternative medicines</v>

23:57
<v WO2-2047W>and those kind of things.</v>

24:00
<v WO2-2047W>And so all of these things, all of us, are subject to those gravities</v>

24:06
<v WO2-2047W>of agency capture. And what, you know, I really want to challenge you to do is</v>

24:12
<v WO2-2047W>to be conscious of that gravity because it's going to be pulling you every single</v>

24:17
<v WO2-2047W>day of your career.</v>

24:20
<v WO2-2047W>We want to break away from this so we can make our kids healthy,</v>

24:24
<v WO2-2047W>and that's why President Trump appointed me.</v>

24:26
<v WO2-2047W>But it's going to take more than just listening to Marty or listening to your</v>

24:32
<v WO2-2047W>superiors or checking the boxes of your job every day.</v>

24:36
<v WO2-2047W>It's everyone of you getting up every morning</v>

24:41
<v WO2-2047W>and saying, you know, what can I do to make our kids</v>

24:44
<v WO2-2047W>healthier?</v>

24:46
<v WO2-2047W>If your boss is making a mistake,</v>

24:49
<v WO2-2047W>if they're proving something that shouldn't be approved, we want to hear.</v>

24:53
<v WO2-2047W>We want to honor whistle blowers. With</v>

24:56
<v WO2-2047W>this administration, whistleblowers have been key.</v>

24:59
<v WO2-2047W>Bernice Eddie is one of them.</v>

25:02
<v WO2-2047W>Many, many others in this agency who</v>

25:05
<v WO2-2047W>have saved this country, from thalidomide,</v>

25:08
<v WO2-2047W>Etc. faced a lot of headwinds from their bosses</v>

25:11
<v WO2-2047W>and from the bureaucracy.</v>

25:13
<v WO2-2047W>And I want to really empower you, each of you, and more, to .</v>

25:17
<v WO2-2047W>do the same.</v>

25:19
<v WO2-2047W>To come up with ideas for what we should be doing to make this better.</v>

25:24
<v WO2-2047W>President Trump and</v>

25:26
<v WO2-2047W> and I talk about this a lot. That, you know,</v>

25:30
<v WO2-2047W>this is happening in my generation.</v>

25:33
<v WO2-2047W>I had eleven brothers and sisters.</v>

25:37
<v WO2-2047W>I know what a healthy kid is supposed to look like.</v>

25:41
<v WO2-2047W>I never knew anybody with a food allergy, ever.</v>

25:45
<v WO2-2047W>Never met anybody with a peanut allergy. when I was a kid.</v>

25:49
<v WO2-2047W>My seven kids have food allergies.</v>

25:52
<v WO2-2047W>Something happened.</v>

25:54
<v WO2-2047W>It's an epidemic.</v>

25:56
<v WO2-2047W>And epidemics are not caused by genes.</v>

26:00
<v WO2-2047W>The genes may provide a vulnerability.</v>

26:03
<v WO2-2047W>You need an environmental toxin.</v>

26:05
<v WO2-2047W>So why don't we know what that is?</v>

26:07
<v WO2-2047W>And peanut allergies.</v>

26:09
<v WO2-2047W>Why don't we know, but we will know it in a year?</v>

26:13
<v WO2-2047W>Because the information is out there, we know what the suspects are and we can</v>

26:18
<v WO2-2047W>find that out.</v>

26:19
<v WO2-2047W>But those studies aren't done because</v>

26:23
<v WO2-2047W>they may offend the financial interests of powerful entities,</v>

26:27
<v WO2-2047W>and what I want to tell you, is we're not going to pay attention to</v>

26:31
<v WO2-2047W>that anymore.</v>

26:34
<v WO2-2047W>We're going to start doing things that we all know is right.</v>

26:37
<v WO2-2047W>Everyone in this room came to this agency because you were driven by idealism</v>

26:41
<v WO2-2047W>because you wanted to protect public health.</v>

26:43
<v WO2-2047W>You wanted to devote your life to something important.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And we're goig to let you do that.</v>

26:49
<v WO2-2047W>And I want you to take advantage of this opportunity of a generation.</v>

26:55
<v WO2-2047W>100 years from now, this agency may be captured again.</v>

26:59
<v WO2-2047W>We have four years now, where there is no capture or people,</v>

27:02
<v WO2-2047W>dissonance are going to be listened to or we're going to have radical transparency.</v>

27:09
<v WO2-2047W>We're all going to wake up every day and say we're going to save our kids.</v>

27:14
<v WO2-2047W>But you know, we're about to release</v>

27:17
<v WO2-2047W>new data from ADM about autism.</v>

27:22
<v WO2-2047W>Which,</v>

27:24
<v WO2-2047W></v>

27:25
<v WO2-2047W>the preliminary data that we've gotten, is</v>

27:29
<v WO2-2047W>rates have now dropped toone in 31 kids.</v>

27:32
<v WO2-2047W>And my generation, it was one in 10, 000. Today in 70 year old men.</v>

27:37
<v WO2-2047W>it's still one in 10,000.</v>

27:40
<v WO2-2047W>The epidemic is our children.</v>

27:42
<v WO2-2047W>One in 31,and one in every 10 black children.</v>

27:47
<v WO2-2047W>One in every 12 Hispanic boys. Black boys</v>

27:53
<v WO2-2047W>one an every 12.</v>

27:55
<v WO2-2047W>Hispanic boys.</v>

27:58
<v WO2-2047W>And this is unacceptable.</v>

28:02
<v WO2-2047W>And we all got upset about COVID.</v>

28:06
<v WO2-2047W>COVID was killing older people who were at the end of their lives.</v>

28:11
<v WO2-2047W>There's chronic diseasedestroying the lives of young people</v>

28:15
<v WO2-2047W>at the beginning of their potential when we need them.</v>

28:18
<v WO2-2047W>We need them to solve the problems.</v>

28:21
<v WO2-2047W>And we need them to take leadership.</v>

28:24
<v WO2-2047W>You know, most leaders of the American</v>

28:27
<v WO2-2047W>Revolution</v>

28:29
<v WO2-2047W>Were in their 20s.</v>

28:31
<v WO2-2047W>And we're destroying that capital.</v>

28:35
<v WO2-2047W>That human capital of our children.</v>

28:37
<v WO2-2047W>Imagine that, one in 31 kids.</v>

28:41
<v WO2-2047W>And you know, that's just one chronic disease.</v>

28:46
<v WO2-2047W>This whole generation is damaged. I walked through an airport and I see</v>

28:50
<v WO2-2047W>people I can tell are just beleaguered by chronic inflammation.</v>

28:56
<v WO2-2047W>By, you know, autoimmune diseases, and by neurological</v>

28:59
<v WO2-2047W>disease, I see.</v>

29:01
<v WO2-2047W>Kids with ticks, I never saw ticks. when I was a kid.</v>

29:05
<v WO2-2047W>Never saw food allergy.</v>

29:06
<v WO2-2047W>I never knew anybody who had an autoimmune disease.</v>

29:10
<v WO2-2047W>Congress asked EPA.</v>

29:13
<v WO2-2047W>What year?</v>

29:14
<v WO2-2047W>The EPA.</v>

29:16
<v WO2-2047W> When did the epidemic begin and EPA came back and said it's a red line 1989.</v>

29:24
<v WO2-2047W>If something happened in that time and then all of these other injuries appeared</v>

29:28
<v WO2-2047W>around that same time, the food allergies.</v>

29:32
<v WO2-2047W>Neurological injuries add ADHD.</v>

29:37
<v WO2-2047W>Speech delays.</v>

29:38
<v WO2-2047W>Language delays.</v>

29:39
<v WO2-2047W>Never heard of these when I was a kid.</v>

29:43
<v WO2-2047W>I'm ticked.</v>

29:43
<v WO2-2047W>Tourettes syndrome, narcolepsy.</v>

29:45
<v WO2-2047W>ASD autism it just unknown and my generation and yet.</v>

29:50
<v WO2-2047W>And and the allergic disease is rheumatoid arthritis. Juvenile diabetes.</v>

29:58
<v WO2-2047W>We didn't know about him.</v>

30:00
<v WO2-2047W>We didn't know anybody who had him and I, you know,</v>

30:03
<v WO2-2047W>I was raised at the spear tip of the of the movement for rights,</v>

30:08
<v WO2-2047W>for people with intellectual disabilities.</v>

30:11
<v WO2-2047W>I grew up in McLean, but every weekend I drove to Rockville</v>

30:17
<v WO2-2047W>out here.</v>

30:19
<v WO2-2047W>To work at Camp Shriver, which my aunt Eunice Shriver,</v>

30:22
<v WO2-2047W>who is my godmother, started, which became Special Olympics in 1968,</v>

30:26
<v WO2-2047W>the year my dad was killed.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I worked as a hugger and a coach and Special Olympics my entire life.</v>

30:34
<v WO2-2047W>I spent 200 hours because my family's commitment to these issues.</v>

30:39
<v WO2-2047W>I spent 200 hours.</v>

30:42
<v WO2-2047W>At the Wassaic home for the retarded when I was in high school.</v>

30:45
<v WO2-2047W>So I was seeing people with intellectual disabilities all the time.</v>

30:50
<v WO2-2047W>We never saw anybody with autism.</v>

30:52
<v WO2-2047W>We, you know, we prided ourselves on Special Olympics,</v>

30:56
<v WO2-2047W>about being able to take care of every child, no matter how.</v>

31:01
<v WO2-2047W>serious.</v>

31:03
<v WO2-2047W>Their disability. So even kids who are essentially just in</v>

31:06
<v WO2-2047W>a vegetative state, we would figure out something that they</v>

31:10
<v WO2-2047W>could do.</v>

31:10
<v WO2-2047W>They could sit on a bench and push off a beanbag onto the ground and everybody</v>

31:14
<v WO2-2047W>would cheer for them.</v>

31:16
<v WO2-2047W>But we couldn't have handled the kid with full blown autism.</v>

31:20
<v WO2-2047W>You know, because of the the.</v>

31:23

<v WO2-2047W>The violence, the head banging, you know, the tactile and audio sensitivities that</v>

31:28
<v WO2-2047W>make it so only their parents can come near them.</v>

31:33
<v WO2-2047W>We never saw any children like that.</v>

31:36
<v WO2-2047W>And yet now they're in every school, 25% of the school budgets in some of the</v>

31:40
<v WO2-2047W>schools that I'm visiting now aren't going to special education.</v>

31:46
<v WO2-2047W>If 74%.</v>

31:49
<v WO2-2047W>Of American kids cannot qualify for military service.</v>

31:53
<v WO2-2047W>This is insane.</v>

31:54
<v WO2-2047W>What we're allowing to happen to our kids.</v>

31:58
<v WO2-2047W>And the cause of it is bankrupting us.</v>

32:00
<v WO2-2047W>You know, all the Republicans and Democrats all</v>

32:03
<v WO2-2047W>fight each other fiercely all the time about how to pay for the cost.</v>

32:10
<v WO2-2047W>You know whether it's going to be Obamacare or single payer or some</v>

32:15
<v WO2-2047W>hybrid system. And that is what the battle is on Capitol</v>

32:19
<v WO2-2047W>Hill.</v>

32:20
<v WO2-2047W>But it's like switching around deck chairs on the Titanic.</v>

32:23

<v WO2-2047W>The ship is going down and nobody is talking about what's happening to our</v>

32:28
<v WO2-2047W>children.</v>

32:30
<v WO2-2047W>And if we're going to save our country, and President,</v>

32:33
<v WO2-2047W> Trump says he's going to make America great again.</v>

32:37
<v WO2-2047W>But we can't be a great nation if we don't have strong people.</v>

32:41
<v WO2-2047W>And as a plan he says he's going to restore the American dream. And as you know,</v>

32:47
<v WO2-2047W>Marty said, a healthy person, has 1000 dreams.</v>

32:51
<v WO2-2047W>A sick person has one.</v>

32:54
<v WO2-2047W>We have 60% of our population now that only has one dream and you think about</v>

32:58
<v WO2-2047W>the damage that that's doing to our country.</v>

33:02
<v WO2-2047W>And you are very, God has blessed all of you because he's in a position.</v>

33:08
<v WO2-2047W>He's put you in a position now with a profound responsibility to fix this and</v>

33:14
<v WO2-2047W>all the gravities of agency capture and you know all the gravities of personal</v>

33:21
<v WO2-2047W>promotion and.</v>

33:23
<v WO2-2047W>All those things you resist.</v>

33:27
<v WO2-2047W>And you know, I just.</v>

33:28
<v WO2-2047W>I really want to empower you to do what you want to do,</v>

33:31
<v WO2-2047W>which is to save these kids.</v>

33:34
<v WO2-2047W>And we're going to, you know, we have incredible leadership at this</v>

33:38
<v WO2-2047W>agency. I don't think. And this agency always.</v>

33:42
<v WO2-2047W>Has had great leaders in the past, many times.</v>

33:46
<v WO2-2047W>But Jay Bhattacharya, Dr. Oz, Marty Makary, Jim O'Neill,</v>

33:51
<v WO2-2047W>who's going to be the deputy secretary,</v>

33:55
<v WO2-2047W>These are exceptional people.</v>

33:58
<v WO2-2047W>They're all committed to this vision and they all understand they cannot do it</v>

34:03
<v WO2-2047W>without and involved and inspired and engaged workforce.</v>

34:07
<v WO2-2047W>And you're the leaders in that workforce.</v>

34:10
<v WO2-2047W>We want to encourage you to, you know, break away from the bureaucracy for four</v>

34:17
<v WO2-2047W>years, but don't see yourself as a bureaucrat.</v>

34:21
<v WO2-2047W>Don't see your job as coming in and checking a box or completing.</v>

34:26
<v WO2-2047W>This report, your job is to make our kids healthy. And you know,</v>

34:30
<v WO2-2047W>I want all of you to be my partners. Marty wants you to be his partners,</v>

34:35
<v WO2-2047W> and Sarah.</v>

34:36
<v WO2-2047W>And we want to hear from you.</v>

34:39
<v WO2-2047W>We want to hear your ideas.</v>

34:40
<v WO2-2047W>We want to break the mold.</v>

34:46
<v WO2-2047W>I you know, I'll tell you just one other thing.</v>

34:49
<v WO2-2047W>And I have no plans of what I was going to say today,</v>

34:53
<v WO2-2047W>just a lot of unconsolidated thoughts with a central point of empowering you.</v>

35:01
<v WO2-2047W>There were these studies that were financed by the CIA,</v>

35:06
<v WO2-2047W>by the MKUltra program back in the 50s and 60s that were trying to figure out</v>

35:13
<v WO2-2047W>how to manipulate human beings.</v>

35:17
<v WO2-2047W>How to control societies?</v>

35:19
<v WO2-2047W>How to control individuals and they were financing, you know,</v>

35:24
<v WO2-2047W>these studies of psychedelic drugs, of hypnosis,</v>

35:28
<v WO2-2047W>of audio isolation of you know, noise essentially torture all these</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>things that universities all over the country.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>They were.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Some of it was being.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Funneled through this agency, a lot of it was through other agencies.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>that were controlled by the CIA. One of those was a study called the</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Milgram Experiment, and I'm sure a lot of you have heard of</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>it.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>There's a young associate professor at Yale called Stanley Milgram.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And he recruited, I think, about 70 subjects for his experiment.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>He bring the subjects in and he'd sit them in a chair and then he tell them to twist the dial and that</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>there was somebody in another room who he couldn't see.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Who the subject couldn't see.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Who is tied to a chair and who would be administered electric shock.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And they could, when they turn the dial up,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>they could hear the person screaming and bleeding and crying and begging them to</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>stop.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Then they turn it back down and Dr. Milgram was in a white lab coat. You know,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>with all of their kind of adornments of of a, you know, of a medical authority.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And he would tell them, turn it up, turn it down, turn it higher,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>turn it down.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Some of the subjects were crying, begging him.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I don't wanna do this anymore.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Don't make me do it. 67% of them turned it to 250 volts.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>where was marked on the dial potentially Lethal.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>So they, you know conclusion is that</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>most human beings.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>will violate their essential values if they're ordered to do so.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>I.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>by an authority figure.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And you know, the good news is that 33% of the people</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>got up and walked out.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And I want you to see yourself as part of that 33%.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>You're not here to take orders. You're here to make our children healthy,</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>and that's the value that we got to pursue.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>And you know, I welcome you all into this partnership.</v>

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<v WO2-2047W>Thank